

AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes
March 24, 2009

Chairman Dwight Brew called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in front of the playing fields at the Amherst Middle School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present

Amherst School Board: Chairman Dwight Brew, Robert Graybill and Nancy Head.

ATTENDANCE

Administrative Team: Mary Jennings, Jim Miner.

Amherst Recreation Department: Nancy McMillan - Recreation Director, Keith Trott - Recreation Park Foreman

Amherst Recreation Commission Members : Bob Heaton, Dana Redmond, Wendy Rannenber, Manny Almeida, Dan Gravel, Dan Foley

A. Review Proposed AMS Field Improvements

II. Discussion

Keith Trott and Nancy McMillan explained the proposed improvements to the Amherst Middle School Fields and answered questions from the Amherst School Board and Amherst Recreation Commission.

Keith Trott explained that the plan entailed removing trees on the east and north (Souhegan) side of the fields. The tree removal is necessary to allow the fence to be placed farther away from the playing surfaces for safety and also to provide additional sunlight to the fields. In addition to the tree removal and the fence relocation, the field closest to Souhegan would be regraded to eliminate an existing slope.

Keith stated that there was approximately \$2,500 in the plan for new plantings, and the types and location of these new plantings could be determined by the Amherst School Board. Keith suggested that the specific type of tree and location be deferred until the end of the project when the board would have a better idea of what type of planting was desired and the location of the plantings.

Nancy McMillan explained that she had had contacted two of the three abutters about the plan and would contact the third abutter prior to the start of any work. She said that the Amherst Selectmen had already approved funding for the project and that the plan will be presented to the Amherst Zoning Board in April.

When asked about next steps, Nancy McMillan said she hoped that the Amherst School Board would give the go-ahead for this plan at the board's

April 2nd meeting, contingent on the notification of the abutters and approval of the Amherst Zoning Board prior to the start of any work.

Dwight Brew thanked Nancy McMillan, Keith Trott and all of the members of the Amherst Recreation Commission for taking the time to review the proposed plan with the school board and school administration.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

III. ADJOURNMENT